

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A processor-based method for selecting an email address, wherein the email address includes a format, the processor-based method comprising:

defining at least one auxiliary criterion, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to information in an email associated with the email address; and

using the auxiliary criterion to identify the email address.
2. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the step of defining at least one auxiliary criterion includes a substep of

accepting a signal from a user input device to at least partially define the at least one auxiliary criterion.
3. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the step of defining at least one auxiliary criterion includes a substep of

using a processor to at least partially define the at least one auxiliary criterion.
4. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the identified email address is part of a search request.
5. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the identified email address is part of an addressing request.
6. The processor-based method of claim 5, further comprising:

using the auxiliary criterion to determine a group of email addresses.

7. The processor-based method of claim 6, wherein the step of indicating the determined group includes a substep of
recording an indication of the determined group in a “to” line in an email message header.

8. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the step of defining is performed by a local processor coupled to an external database remote from the local processor, wherein the auxiliary criterion is used to access information in the external database.

9. The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a corporate database.

10. The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes an enterprise database.

11. The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a remote database accessed via the Internet.

12. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a manager’s name.

13. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a department name.

14. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a company division name.

15. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes an identification of a project.

16. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes an identification of a meeting.

17. The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a geographic location.

18. An apparatus for selecting an email, wherein the email includes a format, the apparatus comprising:

a process for handling email messages;

a process for accepting an auxiliary criterion selected by the user, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to the information in an email associated with the email address; and

a process for using the auxiliary criterion to select an email.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:

accepting a signal from a user input device to at least partially define the auxiliary criterion.

20. The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:
using a processor to at least partially define the auxiliary criterion.
21. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein a selected email is part of a search request.
22. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein a selected email is part of an addressing request.
23. An apparatus for selecting an email address, wherein the email address includes a format, the apparatus comprising:
means for accepting an auxiliary criterion selected by the user, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to the format of the email address; and
means for using the auxiliary criterion to identify the email address.
24. The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising:
accepting a signal from a user input device to at least partially define the auxiliary criterion.
25. The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising:
using a processor to at least partially define the auxiliary criterion.
26. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein an identified email is part of a search request.
27. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein an identified email is part of an addressing request.

28. A computer-readable medium including instructions for identifying an email, wherein the email includes a format, the computer-readable medium comprising:

one or more instructions for accepting an auxiliary criterion selected by the user, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to the format of the email; and
one or more instructions for using the auxiliary criterion to identify the email.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, further comprising:

one or more instructions for accepting a signal from a user input device to at least partially define the auxiliary criterion.

30. The apparatus of claim 29, further comprising:

one or more instructions for using a processor to at least partially define the auxiliary criterion.

31. The apparatus of claim 29, wherein an identified email is part of a search request.

32. The apparatus of claim 29, wherein an identified email is part of an addressing request.

33. A processor-based method for filtering a group of email messages, wherein the email messages include information, the processor-based method comprising:

defining at least one auxiliary criterion, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to the information included in the email messages; and
using the auxiliary criterion to identify at least one of the email messages.

34. The processor-based method of claim 33, further comprising:
indicating email messages, from the group of email messages, that meet the auxiliary
criterion.

35. The processor-based method of claim 34, further comprising:
generating a display of email messages; and
wherein at least one of the group of email messages are omitted from the display of
email messages.

36. The processor-based method of claim 33, wherein the step of defining is
performed by a local processor coupled to an external database remote from the local
processor, wherein the auxiliary criterion is used to access information in the external
database.